THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP), an amount of Rs. 1397.55 lakh was allocated by the Government of Bihar for construction, widening and strengthening of roads in the Indo-Nepal border areas. The year-wise details are as under:

Year	Amount in Rupees (Lakhs)
2000-01	Nil
2001-02	337.00
2002-03	333.00
2003-04	349.55
2004-05	378.00
2005-06	—

(b) The entire amount of Rs. 1397.55 lakh was released of which Rs. 1198.37 lakh have been spent.

(c) The work on widening and strengthening of Thakurganj-Galgalia Road (8.25 kms) and Jaynagar-Harlakhi-Basopatti Road (17.50 kms) has since been completed. The work on strengthening of part of Laukuha to Lokhi village road to Madhubani-Rajnagar-Babu Barhi-Khutauna Road (57 kms) and construction of Bagaha Gobardhana Road is under progress.

Foreigners arrested under NDPS Act

3046. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners arrested during the last three years under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act;

(b) how many of them have been convicted; and

(c) whether conviction of the accused in these cases is very low and if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps taken for maximum conviction of the person found involved in those cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The number of foreigners arrested during

the last three years under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act) is as under:

Year	No.
2002	172
2003	188
2004	176

(b) Data regarding conviction of foreigners under NDPS Act is not maintained separately.

(c) The conviction under the NDPS Act is not low as may be seen from the following details of persons, (including foreigners) arrested and convicted under NDPS Act during the last 3 years:—

Year	Arrested	Convicted
2002	28,470	13,421
2003	31,150	14,505
2004	31,486	14,289

Loss/thefts of stamp papers in transit through railways

3047. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the aggregate of the reported cases of loss/ theft of the stamp papers in transit through railways during 1995-2000 were over Rs. 25 crore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the loss of stamps in transit during the years 1993-2003 for Assam is worth Rs. 146.66 crores; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what actions were taken and against whom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per information provided by the Ministry of Finance, the aggregate of reported cases of loss/theft of stamps during 1995-2000 is Rs. 25.09 crores.

(b) No, Sir. As per information provided by the Ministry of Finance, the cases of loss/theft reported from various consignees of the State Government of Assam during 1993-2003 amount to Rs. 8.29 crores.